Green Camp 2009 - Cleaning of Klang River

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Venue	:	Pengkalan Batu, Klang
Date	:	1 August 2009
Time	:	8.00 am – 1.00 pm
Organisers	:	EETD, DID Selangor, UNITEN ICE Student Chapter, and Centre for Stormwater and Geohazard Management (CSGM), UNITEN

THE camp themed *"Green Nation ♥ The Environment"* was organised to raise awareness among the public that the Klang River is badly polluted. About 80 participants took part in various activities ranging from tree planting, river cleaning, rubbish sorting, to brainstorming. The programme was supported by DID and FRIM with 60 trees donated by FRIM comprised of five species, *e.g. Saccara cauliflora*, *Garcinia hombroniana*, *Ardisia elliptica*, *Syzgium SP* and *Pometia pinn*.

An exclusive plague jointly signed by Engr. Ahmad Fazili Abdul Hamid from JPS (Jabatan Pengairan dan Saliran) and Ir. Assoc. Prof. Dr Lariyah Mohd Sidek as the Chairperson of EETD was left there to mark this event.

Ir. Assoc. Prof. Dr Lariyah Mohd. Sidek represented EETD IEM during opening ceremony

Tree plantation

Rubbish sorting

River cleaning

Brainstorming Ideas

The participants were divided into 3 groups. Group 1 was sent off for tree planting and rubbish sorting, Group 2 was assigned to clean up the river while Group 3 was requested to plant trees along Pengkalan Batu.

Further, each group also brainstormed for ideas to improve the current system to clean up the river. The mixture of engineering and information technology students sparked off unique ideas from each group. Among others, the students suggested a simple and creative gross pollutant trap to divert the litter from entering the river. Other ideas seemed feasible but funding and a lot of adjustments were required to make them into reality. We hope that the participants will continue to show enthusiasm and interest in environmental issues after this programme. ■